

**Regular Meeting of the General Services Committee
Held in the Conference Room at City Hall
January 26, 2016**

Notice of this meeting was given to the public in compliance with Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and Resolution 15-56.

ROLL CALL

The meeting convened at 4:03 p.m. with Chairman Oropesa presiding and Councilors Best, and Mackey present. Councilor Sanchez was absent.

Staff present: Jonathan Phillips, DeAnna Phillips, Tim Williams, Ruben Sanchez and Marianna Martinez.

Guests present: Virginia Garcia, Richard Garcia, Councilor Denny, Orlando Padilla, Orie Adcock, Juli Adcock, Alan Alva, Will Cavin, Jeff Tucker, Councilor Velasquez, Frank Sanchez, Raymond Anaya, Vanessa Tarango and Councilor Grant.

FOR THE RECORD: Councilor Sanchez joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Best moved to approve the January 26, 2016 General Services Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. Councilor Mackey was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Best moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 joint General Services and Infrastructure Committee meeting. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote was 3-1 with Councilor Mackey abstaining.

REGULAR ITEMS

Consider Approval of an Update to the Operational Policies and Procedure for the Roswell Convention and Civic Center. Ms. Phillips introduced this item by highlighting the proposed updates of the policies and procedures for the convention center which include: rental deposits, payment due date, written non-profits requests, replacing rental schedules with exhibits, holiday closures, security for specific/special events and tobacco products. Discussion between staff, committee members and the public suggested the City should not regulate certain items per State Statute. Ms. Phillips will confer with City Attorney William Zarr and bring this item back at the next meeting. Councilor Sanchez moved to table the approval of the updates to the policies and procedures for the Roswell Convention and Civic Center. Councilor Best was the second. Mr. Phillips made a clarification that the item would be brought back at the next meeting. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Approval of the City of Roswell to Name the New Recreation Center the “Cesar Chavez Recreation Center”. Mr. Phillips presented the request for naming the new recreation center and stated that in order to continue receiving State funding, the name would need to include “Yucca Center” verbiage. After discussion amongst the committee members, Chairman Oropesa opened the meeting to those in the public who wanted to speak for or against the naming of the recreation center.

OPPOSED: Juli Adcock

IN FAVOR: Virginia Garcia, Frank Sanchez, Vanessa Tarango, Richard Garcia and Orlando Padilla

* Will Cavin stated he was not opposed but suggested a committee be formed, as they are in other communities, to receive community input and take nominations.

Councilor Sanchez moved to send to City Council at the February 11, 2016 meeting, the approval of the naming of the recreation center to Cesar Chavez Yucca Recreation Center. Councilor Mackey was the second. A voice vote was 3-1 with Councilor Corn Best voting no.

Councilor Oropesa then addressed the committee stating that he had had a discussion with the Mayor before today’s meeting, and he was advised this item would not be going on the February City Council agenda. He stated the Mayor felt that the Infrastructure Committee should have an additional meeting on this item, and then it be placed on the March City Council agenda. Councilor Oropesa stated that the Mayor controls the agenda, and that there was no one present at this meeting from the Legal Department to ask about this issue. He feels it is wrong for Committee Chairs to control the items, and that the same situation had happened at the Infrastructure meeting. Councilor Oropesa said he felt they should go to the Legal Department to find out what legal authority they have. Mr. Phillips added that the City Council does not have rules of order in place, and the Mayor and City Manager can decide on City Council agenda items.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Discussion of Maintenance of the Flower Planters on Main Street in Downtown. Chairman Oropesa stated no one was present from MainStreet Roswell to discuss this item. Mr. Phillips gave information regarding the technical side of the issue. There is no agreement in place regarding the planters. The City only maintain the planters, not the plants. The possibility of using drought tolerant plants, cacti, or artificial plants was discussed. These options are based on the lack of resources to water and maintain the plantings. Neither MainStreet Roswell, nor the Garden Club have the resources either.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURN

Councilor Mackey moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Sanchez was the second. A voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.